

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 1, with:

Further, the coating ratio is the ratio of the sum of the mass (A) of the ~~coated~~ uncoated particle and the mass (B) of the coating membrane taken as 100% by mass of the coated particle, and the mass ~~(A)~~ (B) of the coating membrane, and is given by the formula $[B \times 100/(A + B)]$.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 10, with:

Further, the coating ratio is the ratio of the sum of the mass (a) of the ~~coated~~ uncoated grain and the mass (b) of the coat taken as 100% by mass of the coated grain, and the mass (b) of the coat, and is given by the formula $[b \times 100/(a + b)]$.